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S.B. No. 184

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption from certain requirements regarding  
3 diversity, equity, or inclusion initiatives for certain activities  
4 not funded by state money provided by public institutions of higher  
5 education.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.3525(d), Education Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (d) Subsection (b)(1) may not be construed to apply to:

10 (1) academic course instruction;

11 (2) scholarly research or a creative work by an  
12 institution of higher education's students, faculty, or other  
13 research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work;

14 (3) an activity of a student organization registered  
15 with or recognized by an institution of higher education;

16 (4) guest speakers or performers on short-term  
17 engagements;

18 (5) a policy, practice, procedure, program, or  
19 activity to enhance student academic achievement or postgraduate  
20 outcomes that is designed and implemented without regard to race,  
21 sex, color, or ethnicity;

22 (6) data collection; [~~or~~]

23 (7) student recruitment or admissions; or

24 (8) a program, activity, or scholarship funded by a

1 private donation, federal money, or money not appropriated by the  
2 legislature.

3         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.